April Edition 2025



Our Mission: The Global Methodist Church exists to make disciples of Jesus Christ and spread scriptural holiness across the globe.

Isaiah 55:10-12 <sup>10</sup>"The rain and snow come down from the heavens and stay on the ground to water the earth. They cause the grain to grow, producing seed for the farmer and bread for the hungry. <sup>11</sup>It is the same with my word. I send it out, and it always produces fruit. It will accomplish all I want it to, and it will prosper everywhere I send it. <sup>12</sup>You will live in joy and peace. The mountains and hills will burst into song, and the trees of the field will clap their hands!

# Time for Growth and Renewal: "This is My Word"

Here we are, headed into spring, with the timeless saying on our lips, "April showers bring May flowers." This phrase not only reflects the natural rhythms of our world but also speaks to the spiritual truths found in God's creation. Just as the rain nourishes the earth, preparing the way for beautiful blooms, so too does God allow challenges and seasons of difficulty to refine and strengthen our faith.

We are frequently reminded of God's presence in both our joys and our struggles. James 1:2-4 tells us, : "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."

"This is My Word" is a choral anthem based on Isaiah 55:10-12, with powerful and beautiful words that remind us that just like the rain that falls upon the earth, difficult times often feel heavy and relentless, but remembering just as the rain nurtures the soil, trials in our lives can deepen our faith and help us grow in perseverance, character, and hope. It's often in these challenging moments that we learn to trust in

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Monday-Friday, Mid-day Prayer Break 12:00 pm on Facebook.

Here at
Brighton Methodist
Church, we are
Bible believing,
Spirit-led faithful
followers that strive
to share God's love
with others as we
continue to grow in
relationship with
the Lord and go out
and make disciples
for His Glory and
Kingdom.

#### A Time for Growth and Renewal, continued from previous page.

God more fully, relying on His promises and His faithfulness, because God says "This is My Word".

After the rain--- comes the flowers, after the storms pass--- the beauty that follows is a testament to God's grace and goodness. After facing the trials of life, we see the fruits of growth in our faith, like beautiful flowers in a garden, we are witnesses how God's provision and love have transformed our hearts and strengthened our spirits, because God says "This is My Word".

Let's look forward to April showers that bring May flowers, and to the spiritual blooms that God is bringing to our lives. May this season of spring be a reminder through every season—whether rainy or sunny—God is at work in us, preparing us for a future full of His beauty and grace, because God says "This is My Word".

Peace and Blessings,



#### Pastor Mickie

Pastor Mickie Hass is always available at pastormickie@brightonmethodist.org



#### This Is My Word

Song by Pepper Choplin

As the snow falls from Heaven As it comes in swirling showers from the sky So is My Word

As the rains bring the water To the Earth that is thirsty and dry So is My Word

And the word of my mouth, it shall not return empty It will bless the Earth wherever it is heard This is My Word

As the rains bring renewal And the tender buds begin to come alive (begin to come alive) So is My Word

Giving seed to the sower And the bread to the hungry 'til they thrive So is My Word So is My Word

And the word of my mouth, it shall not return empty It will bless the Earth wherever it is heard This is My Word This is My Word

O, Lord, when I am weary When I feel the days I'm living are in vain My God, help me be faithful to the word You have given to proclaim

(Proclaim the word) proclaim the word (proclaim the word)
And you will go out in joy
And be led forth in peace
And the hills will break before you into song

So be faithful, brave and true For I will go before you And when your earthly journey here is done

I'll say well done I'll say well done I'll say well done Well done

As the snow falls from Heaven And the rain comes in showers from the sky This is My Word (My Word)

# Please join as



Maundy Thursday 6:00 pm Special Service





Good Friday 6:00 pm Special Service







Reprinted from the Global Methodist website:

#### **BOLD WITNESS**

#### Teresa Auten | Every Child Is My Child

Teresa Auten of North Carolina Annual Conference is devoted to children's ministry, believing kids are precious souls and vital to the Church now. With 25 years of experience, she shares practical insights on engaging children through meaningful teaching, love, and respect. She urges Christians to welcome and nurture them as Jesus did.

"Children are souls. They are precious to Me. Love and guide them well." God speaks these words to me countless times daily, igniting a fire within my heart. For over forty years, I've been fueled by the unwavering belief that every child is my child.

This incredible calling has been my passion and life's work.

My upbringing didn't set me on this path. I was raised outside the church by parents who thought religion was a waste of time. I met Jesus through the dedication of women who adored Jesus and cherished children. My journey to the Lord was winding and narrow, and I am so grateful for it.

God spoke into my life, and I responded with the eagerness of a child yearning for love and affirmation. As an adult, I heard His call to challenge the tendency of adults to overlook children, seeing them only as future producers



and consumers. "Children," He reminds me, "are souls. They hold intrinsic value." This truth guided my every step as a Children/Youth Ministries Coordinator for nearly twenty-five years.

Recently, I was asked on social media how to engage children within a faith community. It hit me that many churches are searching for ways to encourage children to participate like they did in the past. "Where are the children?" I often hear. "Our Sunday school used to be full!"

To give a solid answer, I dove into analyzing the practices I've used from the early 2000s to today. Parishioners wanted practical insights, not scholarly essays. They needed actionable steps for volunteers to implement.

It was a challenge to identify the engaging and varied activities that welcomed children and their parents to experience the joy of life in Christ. But as I reflected, I couldn't help but smile. Many things work well, some don't, but it is a joyful journey!

In 2019, I began documenting these insights as presentations and blog posts. I create memes to raise awareness and seize every chance to proclaim, "Children matter. We must lead them all to Jesus. Every child is our responsibility. We cannot let the little ones slip away!" I could talk for hours about children's ministry and its importance. It is a work that I love, and I encourage congregations to love it too.

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Here are a few things I discovered that highfunctioning children's ministries have in common:

- 1. Adults recognize the importance of reaching children. They are educators, not babysitters. Lessons are meaningful, well-planned, and age-appropriate.
- 2. Teachers convey that the gospel is true and good news. They don't dilute the message with cartoon versions of sacred events.

  These teachers share the gospel from their hearts, from one generation to the next, without relying on a DVD player.
- 3. Children are challenged to live Godly lives and memorize scripture.
- 4. Children are highly valued and deeply loved. They are given grace and respect.

Here are a few closing thoughts:

- Many children know that Jesus loves them.
  What they question is whether Christian
  adults love them. Jesus invited children to
  come to Him and was angry when the
  disciples, who should have known better,
  turned them away. We must be Jesus to
  the children.
- Children are not only the future of the Church; they are the Church right now. We are called to love them precisely as they are today.

Excellent children's ministry can be learned through textbooks, degrees, and experience, but my greatest teacher has always been the child in front of me. Remember your childhood and how it felt to be small and curious. Invite that child to sit with you and Jesus. Tell them of His love.

Teresa's website is **Shine A Joyful Light** 

### 2025 Lenten Soup Luncheon Schedule

Everyone is welcome.

Free will donation to host church.

All Lunches to start promptly at noon.



Monday, April 14 - Chapel Hill Church, 10 Chapel Hill Drive

Tuesday, April 15 - Calvary Redeemer Church, 102 S. 5th Avenue

Wednesday, April 16 - Brighton Methodist Church, 625 S. 8th Avenue

Thursday, April 17 - The Healing Place Church, 3599 E. Bridge Street

Friday, April 18 - Brighton Seventh Day Adventist Church, 567 E. Bromley Lane

**Stations of the Cross presentation** 

1:15 pm - St Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 76 S. 3rd Avenue



#### **MARK YOUR CALENDER:**

The youth will be doing their annual parking lot sale on May 24th.

We will begin accepting donations starting in April. If you would like to sell your own items, spaces will be available for \$25.00.

The youth continue with confirmation classes. They will celebrate confirmation on May 11th. We are studying the Basics of Christianity, and Rev. Mickie will teach about the Wesleyan traditions and the Global Methodist Church beliefs of Christianity. Afterwards each of the youth will have the option to become a member of Brighton Methodist Church.

Reminder, the youth group is for all youth that are in 6th grade thru 12th grade. You do not have to be a member of the church to attend the youth group meetings, we would love to have you come.

#### **CALENDAR: APRIL 2025**

04-06 Youth Group 11-1

04-13 Youth Group 11-1

04-20 Easter Sunday - no youth group

04-27 Youth Group 11-1

#### ALF

#### **Age Level and Family Services**



## Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 pm

### Cocoa, Cookies, and Canvas



We will gather and paint a Spring scene on canvas, all supplies will be furnished, no previous painting experience needed. Food, fun, and fellowship for everyone! Sign up sheet on the bulletin board in Fellowship Hall or call the front office — You MUST be signed up to attend, space limited to 35 attendees.



Please bring gently used paperback and hardback books and put them in the box

in Fellowship Hall on the west wall.
All genres of books are accepted, including children's books. These will be shipped to Operation Paperback, where they will be distributed to our military troops overseas and at VA Hospitals.







#### WATER FOR LIFE

SAFE WATER FOR THE WORLD

Water For Life Charity supplies water filters and drills wells in developing countries lacking clean, safe drinking water. Their mission is to help women, children and families live bacteria-free, productive lives by providing the start of the solution where it is needed most.

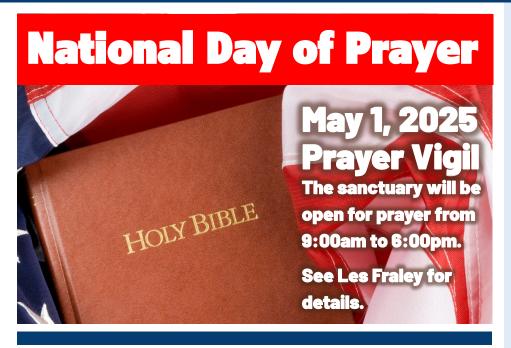
Dale roasts coffee and sells it at cost here at church. All proceeds are donated to Water for Life. If you are interested in helping Dale with this mission, you can buy his coffee, or make a donation.

So far, this faithful team has been able to sell 445 lbs. of coffee and has donated over \$2,509.23 to Water for Life.

#### This provides:

45 water filters and 4.5 million gallons of clean water.

Your help in this wonderful ministry is appreciated!





#### Free Piano!

There is a piano in the first classroom that is available for free (the bench is not included). Must be willing to move it yourself. If interested see Mel or Glenda.

#### Prayer Warriors

Are you someone who has been called to stand in the gap through intercessory prayer? If so, sign up to be on the warrior team!

In order to receive the emails, you will need to opt in via the following link:

#### **Prayer Warriors**

#### Wonderful Wednesday Dinner

Join us in fellowship every 2nd and 4th Wednesday for a fun community dinner. If you would like to help out or plan and cook a meal, please let Deb Friedholm know, or contact the office. Adults: \$5 Kids 10 & Under: Free

#### BMC Music Ministry

Bells and Choir are back and are ringin' and singin'! Please see Mel for Bells or Bev for Choir if you would be willing to share your musical talents with our congregation.

Practice on Tuesdays Bells at 5:00 pm Choir at 6:00 pm



#### Music Ministry with Rick and Mickie Hass

Rick and Mickie spend time with the residents of Inglenook, the Retreat at Church Ranch, and Sunny Acres in Thornton.

April 6th: Hymns/Entertainment The Retreat at Church Ranch-2:00 pm

Inglenook (Brighton)- 6:00 pm

April 13th: Worship, Hymns & Communion

The Retreat at Church Ranch-2:00 pm

Inglenook (Brighton)- 6:00 pm



## How do I know if a Stephen Minister is for me?

Stephen Ministry is appropriate for anyone whose basic coping skills are intact but could use another's caring presence to assist them as they journey through life's transitions and challenges such as:

- If you are chronically or terminally ill
- Recently hospitalized and in need of support while recovering at home or in a nursing home
- Grieving the death of a loved one
- Disabled or caring for someone who is disabled
- Dealing with separation or divorce
- Lonely or discouraged
- Facing a life transition
- Experiencing a spiritual crisis
- Countless other life challenges

**Contact Les Fraley for more information: 303-659-4887** 



Bear one another's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2, NRSV

### Altar Flowers



Please consider signing up to help provide fresh altar flowers on Sundays. You can sign up on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

If you would like to recognize someone with a picture, you can email Glenda in the office, and it will be added to that Sunday's morning announcement slideshow.

## New to Brighton Methodist Church?

We want to welcome you to BMC. We are a friendly community of Holy Spirit filled believers in Jesus Christ. We ground our faith on the Word of God and live our lives hungry to see God's Kingdom here on earth.

If you are new to our family, we encourage you to give your life to God through Jesus Christ and connect with others committed to following Him. We have many opportunities such as Bible studies, classes and small groups for you to put your faith into action through service. We would love to get to know you and help make connections to support your faith walk.

If you haven't yet, please stop by the Welcome Center in Fellowship Hall on Sunday and say hello!

Yours in Christ, The Leadership of BMC

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For prayer requests, email us at: prayer@brightonmethodist.org



# BIRTHDAY

April

4/4 Les Fraley

4/5 Mike Shealey

4/5 Sharee Strasheim

4/7 Deanna Burkhardt

4/22 Lindsay Bailey

4/22 Jared Christensen

4/24 Jim Buller

4/27 Kay Cole

4/27 Aprille Stevens

4/27 Brandon Stieber

4/28 Abigail Perkins

We wish you a very happy birthday and a wonderful year ahead!

~The Staff of BMC



## Partner with BMC Through Giving

Thank you for your faithful giving in support of our Ministry!

To continue your weekly contribution there are multiple ways to ensure it is received.





- Mail a check
- Set up AutoPay through your bank
- Use our online payment portal (you can set up recurring payments as well)
- Link: **BUMC ONLINE CONTRIBUTIONS**
- You can use the mail drop slot located at the choir door on the Northeast side of the building near the courtyard.



• You can also use the QR code.

#### **Scan here**

Thank You!

Scan here for the Annual Pledge form for 2025



#### Support the Scholarship Program!

Don't forget to use your King Soopers loyalty card when you shop. Help us earn money for the scholarship program!

If you haven't registered your card, please jump online and do so today. If you need any help, contact Glenda in the office. Every time you check out, type your phone number into the keypad at the register or swipe your card. Donations are disbursed quarterly. Sign up on the King Soopers home page, under the Community Rewards link at the bottom of the page.

## Giving to your church

does not only mean money. You can give your

- PRAYERS
  - Join the Prayer Warriors, pray with us on the Mid-day Prayer Break, or pray on your own
- PRESENCE

Attend public worship, invite friends and family, attend church events

- TALENTS
- Share your gifts of music, cooking, cleaning, listening, fixing, organizing
- SERVICE

Become an usher, teach Children's Church, help with Fellowship time

WITNESS

Share your faith with anyone in hopes that they might come to faith in Christ

If you would like more information on how you can partner with BMC in any of these ways, call the office (303-659-2022) or send an email to office@brightonmethodist.org

We will guide you to the correct person to speak with.



## 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Church office schedule for this week only (due to Glenda's schedule): Office OPEN 9am-2pm Monday (Mar 31) Office CLOSED Tuesday (April 1) Office OPEN 1:00 pm Wednesday (April 2)		9am Bible Study 1:30pm Methodist Men on Zoom 6pm Choir Practice 7pm Women's BSF	9:00am Zoom Prayer Meeting 6:00pm Worship Meeting	3	4	5
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